(b) *Complaints filed by EIAs in the Courts—*

Complaints were filed by EIA's in the Courts against 3 manufacturers-exporters.

(c) Action through adjudication proceedings under Section 10-K of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) *Act*, 1963 *against exporters/manufacturers—*

Proceedings were initiated against 1 manufacturer/exporter.

(d) No. of cases referred to the Director General, Foreign Trade (DGFT) Ministry of Commerce for initiating action *against erring manufacturers/exporters—*

16 cases.

Export of Inorganic Fertilizer/Pesticides Free Fruit and Vegetables

4338. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to export vegetables and fruits grown without the use of inorganic fertilizer or pesticide ;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a great demand for such products in the West especially in America and Canada and EEC countries and that there is a premium of Rs. 300 to Rs. 900 per cent. in such vegetables and fruits in the international market ;

(c) what is the quantity and value of exports of such products during each of the last 3 years ; and

(d) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to encourage such exports and also to help the farmers for increasing the growth of such products ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (d) The international demand for vegetables and fruits grown without the use of inorganic fertilizer and pesticide is increasing provided they are certified as such. The premium on these products varies from product to product and place to place, but normally it is quite high.

As no separate classification is made for such products, details of exports are not available.

The following steps have already been taken by Government for encouraging the exports of organically produced agricultural items :

(i) A dossier has been submitted to EEC for registering India as a supplier of tea, coffee, fresh fruits and vegetables, processed fruits and vegetables, honey and jaggery, spices, etc.

(ii) A Standing-cum-Accreditation Committee has been formed to evolve the policies and procedures for accredition, inspection and certification agencies.

पुरानी मशीनों का आयात

4339. श्री राम जेटमलानी :

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में सरकार ने देश में पुरानी मशीनों का आयात करने की अनुमति दी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त मशीनरी को कौन-कौन से उद्योगों में प्रयोग में लाया जाएगा;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि दो वर्ष पूर्व उदारीकृत औद्योगिक नीति को अपनाने के कारण देश के उद्योगों को अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में सफलतापूर्वक प्रतिस्पर्धा करने में सक्षम बनाना आवश्यक है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या भारतीय उद्योग ऐसी पुरानी मशीनों तथा अप्रचलित प्रौद्योगिकी की सहायता से अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में ऐसे राष्ट्रों, जो नवीनतम मशीनों तथा प्रौद्योगिकी का प्रयोग करके उत्पादन कर रहे हैं, के साथ सफलतापूर्वक प्रतिस्पर्धा करने की स्थिति में होगा ; और

(ङ) यदि हां तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणब मुखर्जी) : (क) और (ख) सभी औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में वास्तविक उपयोगकर्ताओं को ऐसी पुरानी मशीनरी का बिना